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1. [] Met with Mr. Ralph Preston, House Appropriations Committee staff, who told me that the Chairman's and the Committee's time is so taken with material relating to the Department of Army that they have little time for anything else. He is holding a tickler, however, and will call me whenever he has the time to join him in a review of documents relating to the Agency on defense matters that are held in Committee files. I thanked Mr. Preston and told him I would be available to assist whenever his schedule will allow.

I reviewed with him the 9 September memorandum on the Soviet Backfire aircraft. He asked that the memorandum be held for possible future call for his discussion with Chairman Mahon.

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I briefed Mr. Preston on []
[] and recent developments in Soviet ICBM and ABM programs.

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2. [] I met with Mr. Frank Slatinshek, Assistant Chief Counsel, House Armed Services Committee, who told me that he expects to meet with Representative Nedzi (D., Mich.) tomorrow or possibly Friday to discuss the new Subcommittee on Intelligence with him. At that time they will be taking up the question of a visit to the Agency. Mr. Slatinshek will call after he talks to Representative Nedzi. I discussed with Mr. Slatinshek the 9 September memorandum on the Soviet Backfire aircraft. Mr. Slatinshek asked if I would verify the combat radius of the aircraft where in flight refueling is used. The memorandum was returned to the Agency.

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3. [] Met with Bill Woodruff, Counsel, Senate Appropriations Committee, and briefed him on recent developments in the Soviet ICBM and ABM programs.

At his request I also provided Woodruff with copies of papers which we had prepared for Senator Stennis and Ed Braswell on Laos.

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